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FOOD (1948) Department.

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G.O. No. 188

Dated 4th March, 1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

FOOD SITUATION - MADRAS PROVINCE - REPORT FOR THE FORTNIGHT ENDING 15-1 PAPERS - RECORDED.

Food (C) Department.

NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Sub: Food situation - Province of Madras - Report for the fortnight ending 15-1-1948 - Review.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies), No.E.14162/48 CS, dated 27-1-1948.

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Please see Board's report on the food situation in the Province for the fortnight ending 15-1-1948 and the review and its enclosures in the C.F.

A There was very little rainfall during the fortnight under review except in Nellore, where the rainfall was above normal.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in Bellary and of dry crops in Cuddapah. The condition of the standing crops was generally bad in the districts of Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Malabar and South Kanara where they were withering in parts for want of rains. The conditions in other districts was fair.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in Vizag, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Guntur, Kurnool, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem, Trichy, Madura, Malabar and the Nilgiris and of dry crops in Kurnool, Bellary Anantapur, Cuddapah, Salem, Coimbatore, Trichy and the Nilgiris.

The out turn of paddy and of dry crops was poor to normal.

The stock and supply position in the Province.

A comparative statement showing the stock position of foodgrains in the Province as on 18-12-1947 and 1-1-48 is given below:-

Foodgrains.	Stock on 18-12-47 Tons	Stocks on 1-1-1948 Tons.
Rice	1,06,293	1,04,299
Millets	8,394	5,649
Wheat	6,238	5,594
Wheat Products	319	357
Maize	93	131
Barley	53	24

RICE:

The procurement during the two weeks ending 17-1-1948 was 49,539 tons (excluding Malabar) as against 28,505 tons for the two weeks ending 3-1-48. The stock position continued to be unsatisfactory in many districts notably Tinnevelly, Ramnad, Madura, Trichy, South Arcot, Chingleput, and Malabar. Arrangements were made to accelerate movements of the quotas allotted to the districts from the Provincial sources. The position in Malabar continued to give anxiety even after reducing of the scale of rice ration from 8 oz. to 6 oz. Additional quota of 6,500 tons from the Provincial surplus and from the Madras city stocks and 3,500 tons from Puri (Orissa) have been allotted to the district to prevent a breakdown.

P.T.O.

MILLETS.

During the fortnight large supplies of maize and milo were under despatch to several deficit districts. Instructions have been issued to the Collectors to keep adequate stocks of maize in several areas and particularly in deficit pockets so as to relieve scarcity of rice and millets.

RATIONING.

In further pursuance of the policy of gradual decontrol, rationing (Statutory & Rural) has been abolished in the Northern surplus districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna and Guntur, w.e.f. 4-1-1948.

A note on the trend of prices of several commodities with statement showing the prices of several commodities at important centres is at pages 3-15 c.f.

A statement showing the number of prosecutions lauched and sentences awarded for the violation of food control and rationing orders are at pages 29-91 c.f.

The case may be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity before circulation to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E.

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6-2-48

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6-2-48 (Director of I.&P)

Food Department (C)

To A.S.

The case may now be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E.

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7-2-48

I don't think this can be correct. Please bring.

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9-2-48

To A.S.

With reference to (X) above, the portion marked (A) on page 1 above has been recast as ordered by Secretary. The case may now be circulated to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E.

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19-2-48
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Crops are not at all bad in Guntur, nor even in Kurnool and Bellary. Please examine the whole thing carefully.

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20-2-48

To A.S.

Secretary's orders at the bottom of page 3 above:-

It is submitted, that the Board in its Report for the next fortnight ending i.e. 31-1-48 has given a correct picture regarding the condition of the standing crops in the various districts of the Province. The report has been reviewed

and has already been returned to the section after circulation to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E. - Vide linked file above. In view of this it does not appear necessary to circulate this case after re-examination. Also the next report for the fortnight ending 15-2-48 has already been received and action is being taken there on. In view of the above, it does not seem necessary to take further action in this file. The papers may be recorded in Ms. Series.

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4-3-48

G.O.Ms.No.183, dated 4-3-48

Abstract:

Food situation - Madras Province - Report for fortnight ending 15-1-48 - Papers recorded.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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OFFICE ASSISTANT,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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FOOD (1945) Department.

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G.O. No. 184

Dated 6TH MARCH 1946.

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FOOD SITUATION - Madras Province - Report for the fortnight ending 31-1-1946 - Papers recorded.

Food (C) Department.

NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Sub: Food situation - Madras Province - Report for the fortnight ending 31-1-1948 - Review.

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (C.S) U.O.No.E.21219/48, dated 13-2-1948.
From the Board of Revenue (C.S) L.Dis.No.E.21219/48, dated 11-2-1948.

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Please see the Board's report on the food situation in the Province during the second fortnight of January 1948 and the review and its enclosures in the C.F.

Rainfall was nil or negligible in the districts of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Guntur Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, and Nellore and light to moderate in the other districts. It was somewhat helpful to the standing crops in a few ~~xixxixx~~ districts. Water supply for agricultural purposes was generally insufficient in most of the districts - mainly deficit districts.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was ~~proceedingx~~ in the districts of Kistna, Kurnool, Bellary, Cuddapah and Salem and of dry crops in the districts of Kurnool, Cuddapah, Nellore, Salem & ~~Trx~~ Tinnevelly. The condition of standing crops was generally fair, except (1) in the districts of Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, North Arcot and Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and Malabar where the crops had withered over extensive areas, and (2) in parts of Nellore, Salem, Coimbatore Trichinopoly & S.Kanara districts where they were affected by ~~inadxxxxxx~~ inadequate water supply.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the districts of Guntur, Kurnool, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, South Arcot, ~~xxxxxx~~ Salem, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Madura, Malabar, S.Kanara and the Nilgiris and of dry crops in the districts of Kistna, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Salem and Trichinopoly.

The outturn of paddy was poor to normal and of dry crops poor to fair.

Stock & Supply:

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province was as ~~xxxxxxx~~ follows when compared with the previous week.

Foodgrains.	On 24-1-48.	On 31-1-48.
Rice	141,208	155,505
Wheat	5,723	5,623
Maida	333	401
Maize	20,104	21,734
Other Grains.	15,376	16,368

Rice:

The stock continued to be low in many districts especially in Ramnad, Madura & Tinnevelly. Madura is having a harvest now and it is possible that sufficient stocks can be locally procured to meet the requirements of that district. As regards the other two districts, viz., Ramnad & Tinnevelly, arrangements have been made to supply

adequate quotas and accelerate their movements. Stocks are being moved to other deficit districts also.

Millets:

Overseas maize and milo are being generally released for sale in the deficit districts at the prevailing local rates for jowar (cholam).

Procurement:

The intensive procurement scheme was given up with effect from 28-12-1947 in the deficit districts of Vizagapatam, Chittoor, North-Arcot, Chingleput, Salem, Coimbatore, Madura, Tinnevelly, Ramnad, S.Kanara, Anantapur, Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool. In these districts, the procurement is being done the 'Levy' system. The indications are that there will be no voluntary response from the producers under the system. Collectors and their subordinates have been given emergency powers under the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, 1946 to procure stocks by requisitioning wherever necessary.

A note on the trend of prices of several commodities in the de-rationed rurual and urban areas xxx and statements showing the prices of each commodity at the several centres are at pp.8-9 c.f. and 11-14 c.f. respectively. Appendices 'A' and 'B' relating to (1) the prices of foodgrains in large producing centres, and (2) to the prices of rice second sort cholam, kumbu, and Ragi in large urgan consuming centres, respectively have not been received from the Board of Revenue (C.S). It was informally ascertained from E Section in the Board's Office that these appendices were not received from the Statistical Officer and that their preparation has since been discontinued. The Board may be asked to state why these appendices were not sent. For orders.

Statements showing the particulars of prosecutions and convictions for food offences in the various districts are at pp.15-83 c.f.

Action with reference to 'A' above and the suggestion of the Board at 'B' on p.2 c.f. will be taken after return of this case from circulation.

The case may be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity before circulation to H.M.(Food), H.M.(P.W.D) and H.E.

*It will then be examined what statements are orally necessary and need be sent by the Board of Revenue.

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19/2/48.

Food U.O. No.7247 C2/48-1 20-2-48.

For these fortnightly reviews to be of same news value to the public, it will be necessary to get them ready at least by the 15th and 30th or 31st of each month. Nor is to say xx the report for the fortnight ending 31-1-48, could be ready by the 15th February frxxx for issue. Statistics relating to the prices of foodgrains in the ~~following~~ centres and in the consuming centres (producing) may continue to be furnished by the Board.

Intd. x x 23/2/48.

Pub.(I&P) U.O.739/48-1 dated 23-2-48.

To A.S.

The notes of the Director (I & P) at p.3 above may be perused. Action on this will be taken after return of this case from circulation.

Issue instructions to the Board

Intd. 24/2/48

The case may now be circulated to H.M. (Food, H.M.(P.W) and H.E.

Intd. x x
24/2/48.

I really feel that belated reports are a mere waste. The Board should see that the reports are made in time and made useful to the public.

Intd. x x
25/2/48.

M.B.
25/2

P.S.G.

H.E. has seen, thanks.

To A.S.

Minutes of H.M.(Food) above may be perused. Extract of this minutes has been added to the extracts already taken from this file and action is being taken separately in the top file. No further action seems necessary in this file. The papers may be recorded.

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4/3/48.

FOOD DEPARTMENT.

G.O.MS.NO.184, DATED THE 4TH MARCH 1948.

Abstract.

FOOD SITUATION - Madras Province - Report for the fortnight ending 31-1-1948 - Papers recorded.

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R. Thiagarajan 24.12

OFFICE ASSISTANT, M.R.O.

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